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AMENDMENT B

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination to respond to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2002, which was designated as being "final."

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including May 29, 2003, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 10.

Please consider the following set of pending claims 11 to 38, of which claims 11 and 35 have been amended, as attached in clean form as well as in marked-up form showing changes in the amended claims relative to the previous version of the claims according to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3):